

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/790,210
Response to Final OA dated October 18, 2007

REMARKS

Claim 2 has been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as their invention. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated October 18, 2007.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103:

In the Office Action, Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Evans (U.S. Patent No. 5,973,915) in view of Shibata et al. (U.S. Published Application No. 2001/0004269). Reconsideration and removal of this rejection are respectfully requested in view of the present amendment and the following remarks.

The Office Action alleges that Evans, in FIGS. 12 and 13 shows the claimed feature that "the optical axis of the lens is crossing to the front side surface of the main cabinet."

Claim 2 is presently amended to more clearly define "front side surface" and "back side surface" in relation to the optical axis of the lens, the image pick-up switches, etc. In the present invention the optical axis of the lens is crossing to the front side surface of the main cabinet, as best shown in FIG. 2 in which the front side of main cabinet (1) is shown having lens (2). The image pick-up switches (4) are shown in FIG. 1 as being on the back side of the main cabinet (1).

In Evans, as best shown in FIG. 1B, lens (18) is on the same surface as image pick-up switches (12). Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is distinct from the

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device of Evans.

In view of the amendment to Claim 2 and the above remarks, removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

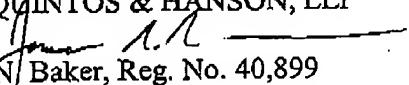
In view of the aforementioned amendment to Claim 2 and accompanying remarks, Claim 2, as well as Claims 1, 4-6 and 8, are believed to be patentable and in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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